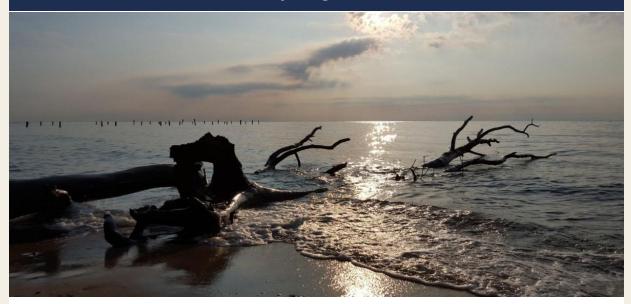


CALVERT COUNTY GOVERNMENT UPDATES FOR CITIZENS

Friday, Aug. 7, 2020



Tropical Storm Isaias has dealt a devastating blow to our community. The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) extends sincere condolences to those who have been affected. The BOCC would like to thank first responders, cleanup crews and the hard working men and women in Calvert County Government (CCG) who have provided immediate support and assistance to residents and businesses.

Please see below for the latest updates from your Board.

BOCC meeting next week

The next BOCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, county buildings are closed to the public. Citizens are invited to tune in online to watch the meeting live to learn more about the local community. Call in numbers to participate are as follows: U.S. toll-free number: 888-475-4499 or 877-853-5257,

Meeting ID: 899 4188 8251, Passcode (if asked): #.

Residents and businesses asked to assess damages no later than noon Sunday, Aug. 9



Click the picture above for a Public Service Announcement from Director of Public Safety, Jackie Vaughan.

If you experienced damage to your property or business due to Hurricane Isaias, report it to the Department of Public Safety as soon as possible.

Report residential property damage

<u>Calvert Prepare mobile app</u> (available for both Android and iOS devices)

Report damage to private property to the Office of Emergency Management 410-535-1600, ext. 2638 or <u>OEM@calvertcountymd.gov</u>

Report business damage to the Department of Economic Development 410-535-4583 or info@ecalvert.com

Additionally, businesses and public and private residents can report damage incurred through <u>Calvert County Government's hurricane resource center</u>.

Free storm debris disposal available

Due to the large amount of downed trees and yard debris caused by Tropical Storm Isaias, the Calvert County Solid Waste Division will allow citizens to drop off unbagged leaves, shrubs, branches and logs no larger than 5 feet in length, for free to the Barstow Convenience Center and Appeal Landfill.

Debris drop off is available beginning today through Sunday, Aug. 23, Monday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Citizens are required to wear face masks and practice safe social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Staff will be on site to assist citizens with unloading debris. Visit the CCG website for more information.

COVID-19 grant application window is open

The BOCC has opened a second round of the COVID-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Fund Grant to provide assistance to local for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations that have experienced adverse financial impacts or expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant application will be available through Aug. 19, 2020, at 11:59 a.m. (Closing date is subject to change based on the number of applications received.)

For-profit small businesses and nonprofit organizations in Calvert County who are interested in receiving a grant are



encouraged to <u>review eligibility criteria and application requirements online</u>.

Reminder: Expanded masking order in effect

The BOCC would like to remind citizens of Gov. Hogan's expanded masking order that went into effect Friday, July 31. Masks are required of individuals over the age of five who are outdoors at Calvert County parks and pools if unable to consistently maintain at least six feet of distance from individuals who are not members of your household.

The order provides certain exceptions, including for medical conditions, when engaging in certain physical activities and when consuming food or beverages. Thanks to all residents for your continued efforts to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Tree removal permits temporarily suspended

The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning has temporarily suspended tree removal permits now through Friday, Aug. 21. Citizens are not required to obtain a permit to dispose of downed trees caused by Tropical Storm Isaias during this time.

Citizens should take photos of the downed trees prior to removal and call a tree removal company or take proper precautions to safely remove debris. Citizens can contact Planning & Zoning at 410-535-2348 or pz@calvertcountymd.gov for questions or permit information. If there is a soil disturbance, including grading issues, residents can contact the Soil Conservation District Office at 410-535-1521, ext. 3.



More COVID-19 funding available for Maryland nonprofits

The Emergency Grant Program, created by the Maryland Department of Commerce and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in response to COVID-19, has announced a third round of emergency relief funding will soon be available. COVID-19 relief funds will assist local 501(c)(6) nonprofits in Maryland who have been negatively impacted by the pandemic with much needed economic relief. For more information and a list of guidelines, visit the Maryland Department of Commerce website.

Calvert County Government has launched a hurricane resource center on its website to share the latest updates, guidance and resources in response to Tropical Storm Isaias. Residents, employees and media are encouraged to regularly monitor the page and use the resources available at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Hurricane.

Additionally, CCG continues to share the latest updates surrounding our county's response to COVID-19 including any precautionary measures, guidance and closures through a <u>virtual resource center</u>. You can also receive updates on the <u>county's Facebook page</u> and Comcast Channel 6.

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